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In re Application of:
Lopes, et al.

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Examiner: **Aaron J. Sanders**

Attorney Docket No. 11466

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 15, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The three-month shortened statutory time for response expired on November 15, 2006. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to extend the period for reply to December 15, 2006. This Response is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Abstract, if any, begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Specification, if any, begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Drawings, if any, begin on page 4 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.